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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera, comprising:

an outputter for repeatedly outputting an object scene image having a low resolution when an instruction key is in a non-operative state and outputting a single frame of object scene image having a high resolution before suspending an output process when said instruction key is in has been shifted from the non-operative state to an operative state;

a first display for displaying on a monitor a moving image based on the object scene images repeatedly outputted from said outputter when said instruction key is in the non-operative state;

a recorder for performing a recording process on the single frame of object scene image outputted from said outputter when said instruction key is in has been shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state;

a second display for displaying on said monitor a still image based on the object scene image to be subjected to the recording process by said recorder; and

a determiner for determining, prior to starting a display process of said second

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displayer, starting a determining process to repeatedly determine whether or not said instruction key has been shifted restored from the operative state to the non-operative state prior to said second display starting a display process, and so as to permit said second display to carry out the display process during a time period of the operative state being maintained permits the display process of said second display when a determination result is negative, and prohibit said second display from starting while prohibits the display process of said second display when the determination result is affirmative.

Claim 6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): An electronic camera according to claim 5, further comprising a third display for displaying a default image on said monitor for a predetermined time period when said instruction key is shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An electronic camera according to claim 7, further comprising a memory for temporarily storing the single frame of object scene image outputted from said outputter when said instruction key is in has been shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state, wherein each of said recorder and said second display reads out the single frame of object scene image from said memory.

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Claim 9 (Previously Presented): An electronic camera according to claim 5, wherein each of said first display and said second display carries out a resolution converting process corresponding to the resolution of the noticed object scene image.

Claim 10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (New): An electronic camera, comprising:
an outputter for repeatedly outputting an object scene image having a low resolution when an instruction key is in a non-operative state and outputting a single frame of object scene image having a high resolution when said instruction key has been shifted from the non-operative state to an operative state;
a first display for displaying on a monitor a moving image based on the object scene images repeatedly output from said outputter when said instruction key is in the non-operative state;
a recorder for performing a recording process on the single frame of object scene image output from said outputter when said instruction key has been shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state;
a second display for displaying on said monitor a default image in place of the moving image when said instruction key has been shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state;

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a third display for displaying on said monitor a still image based on the object scene image to be subjected to the recording process by said recorder after a display process of said second display; and

a determiner for starting a determining process to repeatedly determine whether or not said instruction key has been restored from the operative state to the non-operative state prior to said third display starting a display process, and permits the display process of said third display when a determination result is negative, while prohibits the display process of said third display when the determination result is affirmative.

Claim 12 (New): An electronic camera according to claim 10, further comprising a memory for temporarily storing the object scene image output from said outputter, wherein each of said first display and said third display carries out the display process on the object scene image stored in said memory.

Claim 13 (New): An electronic camera, comprising:
an outputter for repeatedly outputting an object scene image having a low resolution when an instruction key is in a non-operative state and outputting a single frame of object scene image having a high resolution when said instruction key is in an operative state;

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a first display for displaying on a monitor a moving image based on the object scene images repeatedly outputted from said outputter when said instruction key is in the non-operative state;

a recorder for performing a recording process on the single frame of object scene image outputted from said outputter when said instruction key is in the operative state;

a second display for displaying on said monitor a still image based on the object scene image to be subjected to the recording process by said recorder; and

a determiner for determining, prior to starting a display process of said second display, whether or not said instruction key has been shifted from the operative state to the non-operative state so as to permit only said second display to carry out the display process during a time period of the operative state being maintained when a determination result is negative, and prohibit said second display from starting the display process when the determination result is affirmative.

Claim 14 (New): An electric camera according to claim 12, further comprising a third display for displaying on said monitor a default image in place of the moving image when said instruction key has been shifted from the non-operative state to the operative state, wherein said second display carries out a display process after a display process of said third display.